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SUBJECT: TRADE COMMITTEE MEETING SEPT. 23-24: US

ANTIDUMPING PROCEEDING ON MOTOR VEHICLES

1. MISSION HAS BEEN INFORMED BY GERMAN DELEGATION
THAT FRG DEL TO SEPT. 23-24 TRADE COMMITTEE MEETING
WILL RAISE (UNDER OTHER BUSINESS ITEM) SUBJECT OF US
ANTIDUMPING PROCEEDINGS ON AUTOMOTIVE IMPORTS, PARTI-
CULARLY NEW PORCEDURES RESULTING FORM TRADE ACT OF
1974. GERMAN DEL SAID FRG IS WORRIED ABOUT EFFECT OF
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US PROCEEDINGS ON ITS AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY.

2. MISSION RECOMMENDS US DEL BE PREPARED TO EXPLAIN STATUS OF PROCEEDINGS, REQUIREMENTS OF US ANTIDUMPING LAW, AND DEFEND CONSISTENCY WITH GATT CODE AT SEPTEMBER 23-24 MEETING. IN ADDITION, WE URGE USG CONSIDER WHETHER OFFER OF CONSULTATIONS IN OECD FRAMEWORK ON THIS PROBLEM WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE AT SOME POINT. US PROCEEDINGS INVOLVE ALL MAJOR OECD MEMBERS, INCLUDING JAPAN AND CANADA IN ADDITION TO MOST IMPORTANT MEMBERS OF EC. AUTO SECTOR HAS BEEN WIDELY RECOGNIZED FROM BEGINNING OF "TRADE PLEDGE ERA" AS AREA WHERE OIL CRISIS COULD LEAD TO STRONG PRESSURES FOR MEASURES TO ARTIFICIALLY STIMULATE EXPORTS OR RESTRICT IMPORTS, AND WAS SUBJECT OF CONSIDERABLE OECD DISCUSSION WHEN AUSTRALIANS IMPOSED RESTRICTIONS EARLIER THIS YEAR. ALTHOUGH CONSULTATIONS MIGHT PUT US IN HOT SEAT IN FIRST INSTANCE MISSION SEES CONSIDERABLE POTENTIAL USEFULNESS IN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO 1) ALLAY CONCERNS OF SOME THAT US TRADE POLICY BECOMING GENERALLY MORE PROTECTIVE, AND 2) HELP CREATE ATMOSPHERE IN OECD CONDUCTIVE TO ENSURING THAT CONSISTENT WITH TRADE PLEDGE, RESORT TO UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES IN PARTICULAR SECTORS IS NOT USED AS MEANS TO COPE WITH CURRENT GENERAL ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES.

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